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Increase in Speed of Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the speed of trains has been increased with a view to expanding rail network;
(b) if so, whether any routes have been identified for increasing the speed of the trains and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether any assessment has been made regarding increasing the speed of trains which lead to rise in revenue of the Railways and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the names of the States connected by the trains of which speed has been increased?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a): Initiatives for increasing the speeds of trains on Indian Railways are part of the Mission Raftaar launched by the Ministry to augment capacity and provide better services.
(b): Yes, Madam. Routes identified for speed raising are (i) Delhi-Agra, (ii) Delhi-Chandigarh, (iii) Delhi-Kanpur, (iv) Nagpur-Bilaspur, (v) Mumbai-Goa, (vi) Mumbai-Ahmedabad, (vii) Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysore,
(viii) Chennai-Hyderabad and (ix) Nagpur-Secunderabad. Besides, projects for speed raising of Delhi-Mumbai including Ahmedabad-Vadodara and Delhi-Howrah including Kanpur-Lucknow routes have been sanctioned in the Budget for 2017-18.
(c) & (d): It is generally assessed that increased speeds and better services automatically create scope for increased revenue. It is premature to name trains and destinations before outcomes of speed-raising projects are realised.
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